

## AMONG THE COLLEGES.

VALE.

ADDING INTEREST TO THE LAW SCHOOL. New Haven, Dec. 21 (special).—It is vacation now at Yale, and with the students absent, the city seems almost deserted notwithstanding the Christmas activity, so great is the contrast. On their Christmas tour the Yale glee and banjo clubs will visit Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Columbus.

Owing to the small number of subscribers for the senior and sophomore gernans, the committees of the two classes have decided to combine and have one german on Monday night after the glee club concert, this a decided innovation in Yale's social life.

Dean Francis Wayland, of the law school, is always studying out some scheme for the benefit of the rapidly growing branch of the university over which he presides. One of the most important features of the annual commencement exercises is the oration always delivered before the law school and such other university members as desire to attend, by some distinguished member of the legal profession. This year Dean Wayland announces that he has secured the consent of Judge D. J. Brewster, of Kansas, to deliver the oration. Judge Brewer was graduated from Yale in 1851. One of the most important features of the law school is the Kent Club, which is now in the most flourishing condition of its history. This is a debating and literary society. Among those who have this year consented to lecture before the club are the Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, of "The Christian Advocate," and Theodore Roosevelt, of New York.

The freshman debating society has elected officers as follows: President, W. E. Thorne; vice-president, R. H. Nichols; and secretary, C. F. Van Slyck.

The choice of T. L. McFiegh, '92, as captain of the football team meets with the approbation of the entire college.

The Yale Hockey Club has reorganized by electing the following officers: President, H. Graves, '92; secretary and treasurer, G. H. Street, '91; and captain, W. W. Lowe, '91. S. It was voted to enter for the carnival in Boston.

The new year shows a total of 1,645 students in the university, as compared with 1,477 last year. In the academic department are 939; scientific, 379; art school, 45; library, 109; medical school, 63; and law school, 109. One hundred and nineteen courses are offered this year, with an average of ten seniors and juniors, as compared with ninety-nine last year. A large number of new and limited courses are offered, and the old ones have been lengthened and improved. The amount of beneficiary aid given annually by the college to needy students has been increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

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JOHNS HOPKINS.

NEW WORKS FOR THOSE WHO DELIGHT IN WEDGE-SHAPE WRITING.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—All the students of the Hopkins University whose houses are within a short journey have gone to join the family circle for the holidays. Those remaining will have a pleasant time among their friends here. The glee and banjo clubs in the Christmas recess will make a tour of the Maryland towns, giving concerts, thus helping to swell the fund for next season's athletics.

The University bulletin announces that the Copely Medal for original scientific research has been awarded for 1890 to Dr. Simon Newcomb, professor of mathematics and astronomy at the Hopkins. Professor Newcomb has been one of the few American scientists to receive the honor, the holders for the past thirty-eight years being some of the most famous of French and German scientists. He is already well-known in Europe as the superintendent of the United States Nautical Almanac, and for various original astronomical researches. He has been a corresponding member of the Institut de France since 1874, and is also a foreign member of the Royal Society of London.

George C. Morrison has been appointed manager of the new baseball club. The candidates for positions in the team will begin training in the gymnasium after the holidays. Dashiell, who played in the Lehigh team last spring, while an instructor at that institution, will be a leader in the club. The members of the lacrosse team have already begun to train for the spring games with Lehigh and Princeton.

There is rejoicing among the seniors that another laurel has been added to their store in the victory of Aphrodisia, '91, over Atkinson, '92, who was last year's champion.

The University Press has issued, H. H. Atkinson, '91, has just issued his "Contributions to Astrology and Comparative Semitic Philology." The latter number contains a portrait and biography by Fleming of Sir Henry Rawlinson, with a detailed report to the achievement of the author of Astrology. They are the joint editors of Professor Paul Haupt of the John Hopkins University, and Professor Friedrich Delitzsch, of Leipzig. This new series continues the publication of the voluminous collection of the Assyriologist Library, which are also edited by the same gentlemen and which contain the most valuable publications that have been given to the world.

President Gilman's fifth lecture of his course on the Mediterranean was devoted to the Phenicians, and his sixth lecture, the last before the holidays, was on "Cyrus and Cartage."

The first class of the class of '91 was given yesterday evening, and was an eminently fair affair. The stout talkers were J. H. Hollander, who responded to "Football"; W. E. Wood, '91, to "M. Steven's Life"; C. C. Walker, '91, to "Dobbin, Jr., '91"; and N. P. Carey, "boys of '91"; Charles E. Gaister, president of the class, was "the hostmaster." The committee in charge were C. Morton Stewart, Jr., George W. Dobbin, Jr., and A. J. Shriver.

BROWN.

Providence, Dec. 21 (special).—The senior class met last Wednesday to receive a report from H. W. Cooke, the chairman of the class-day committee on arrangements. After a careful examination of the receipts and expenditures of former classes, the committee reported that it would be necessary to levy a tax of \$15 per capita to defray the class-day expenses. This amount will include the cost of the class dinner.

The faculty have now under consideration a radical change in the recitation hours. At present classes & exercises are held at 8:30 o'clock a. m., and recitations continue from 9 o'clock until 12:30 o'clock p. m., with an intermission of ten minutes between the recitations. Recitations are resumed in the afternoon at 2 o'clock and continue to 4:10 o'clock. Under the proposed plan chapel will be held at 8:15 o'clock and four recitation hours will follow, with no intermission, concluding at 12:30 o'clock. In the afternoon work will be begun at 2:30 o'clock and conclude at 4:20 o'clock. The proposed change is not heartily received by the body of students. The reason for this change, as stated by a number of the faculty, is to afford a wider range of electives, by having six, instead of five recitation hours a day.

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WESLEYAN.

Williamsport, Mass., Dec. 21 (special).—College closes for the Christmas vacation on Tuesday at 5 p. m., and will reopen at 7:50 a. m., Tuesday, January 6.

Sorcery College, of the State Young Men's Christian Association, addressed the Wesleyan association on Sunday evening. The president of the association, Mr. Hancock, has appointed a committee, consisting of King, '91; Henderson and Watson, '92; Smith, '93, and S. A. Tracy, to nominate officers for the next year.

At a meeting held on Thursday morning, the following officers were nominated for the baseball association: President and manager, W. E. Day; vice-president, J. H. Slater; treasurer, T. H. Atkinson; senior director, C. C. Stevens; junior director, R. H. Griswold; sophomore director, D. Hughes; freshman director, D. W. Brown. Mr. Day has withdrawn his name, and part of the ticket will stand before the election for one week.

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ROCHESTER.

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On Monday the Rochester University Postball Association elected Root, '91, and Hone, '94, as directors, C. F. Coates, an active member and officer of the association.

Professor H. L. Fahey, president of the university, addressed the Rochester Chamber of Commerce on The Foreign of Natural Gas as Related to Rochester on Friday evening.

The handsome new Delta Upsilon chapterhouse is

approaching completion, although the chapter will not be able to move in by New Year's Day, as it had hoped.

HARVARD.

NEW FEATURES OF THE UNIVERSITY CATALOGUE.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 21 (special).—The University Catalogue for 1890-'91 has been published, a volume of 444 pages and 493 in last year's catalogue. Changes in arrangement have been made with the result of producing a more compact and orderly volume. The abolition of the old college faculty and the creation of the faculty of arts and sciences has at least the effect of introducing more system into the somewhat heterogeneous mass of information which the book contains. Departments belonging together in reality are brought into closer union in this year's catalogue.

The number of subjects offered is greater than that of last year, the most marked development being in the departments of classical and Germanic philology, of philosophy and of history. Stress is laid on opportunities for advanced research conferences and seminaries are established in connection with almost every department. Particular care has been taken to strengthen the philosophical department, which, with such men as Professors Everett, Palmer, James and Royce, offers probably greater opportunities than any other university on this side of the Atlantic. It is noticeable also that in future candidates for honors in philosophy will be subjected to more rigid tests than have been heretofore required. The growth of the scientific school deserves particular notice. Under the administration of its present dean, Professor Chapman, the sophomore orifice declarations are given on Tuesday evening in Memorial Hall. The speaking competition was fully up to mark. The confidence was large; but the committee provided music. This was the result of accident, rather than intent. The music was a product of the president of the class, who expressed the hope that his highminded and an expensive custom might be maintained by succeeding classes. The first prize was awarded to Clarence W. Peasey, the son of Judge Peasey, of Portland, and the second to Abby R. Jenkins, of Holton.

museum, has just completed the preparation of another large instalment of his contract to furnish the university a complete series from the Laurentian to the coal measures.

EDGWOOD.

Brunswick, Me., Dec. 21 (special).—The seniors have succeeded in electing their class officers without the profound contest and concurrent ill-feeling that has so often attended the struggle for class offices. Those chosen are: President, Gould A. Porter; vice-president, T. H. Tibbets; secretary and treasurer, C. V. Minot; proctor, G. L. Jackson; orator, A. R. Newman; poet, W. G. Mallett; opening address, O. R. Lincoln; historian, S. H. Chapman; prophet, C. S. P. Lincoln; pasturine address, E. N. Goding; marshal, F. M. Tahey; treasurer, H. B. F. Smith; editor, L. A. Marbridge; committee of arrangements, E. Hilton, G. H. Packard, P. C. Newbegin; committee on pictures, G. C. Mahoney; gymnasium captain, R. D. Rollon.

Professor E. C. Robinson has been absent the present week, being a delegate from Maine to the National Health Association meeting at Charleston, S. C.

A plan is proposed of sending two or three of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association to engage in mission work in New York City during the summer vacation, for the purpose of learning the methods employed by the city missionary organization. The Association has arranged for a series of seven popular lectures, which will begin next month.

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WILLIAMSBURG.

Easthampton, Mass., Dec. 21 (special).—Adolph has elected the following officers for the winter term: President, H. P. Mooreley; vice-president, A. S. Gray; record-keeping secretary, W. W. Chase; correspondence secretary, O. Gallagher; treasurer, W. Wilmet; "Willibalan" Board-Editor-in-chief, L. W. Hodridge; business editor, W. S. Tyler; associate editor, F. W. Lyman; A. Peck, W. A. Lockwood and W. W. Chase; music committee, Lockwood, Chase, Wilmet; "Oracle" Board-Page, Chase, Williston, Hodridge.

Gamma Sigma's officers are as follows: President, S. W. Davis; vice-president, F. Cawie; recording secretary, A. M. Fisher; treasurer, C. Kennedy; corresponding secretary, F. S. Bennett; Mirror board, Louis, Huntington; C. W. Tyler; editor, S. M. King; C. C. T. Kemper.

With last week's examinations closed the first term of the school year is over. The students will be ready both in studies and athletics. Next term will be the second.

SWARTHMORE.

Swarthmore, Penn., Dec. 21 (special).—For the first time in three years there has been skating at Swarthmore.

The Christmas number of "The Phoenix" appeared this week. It is much larger than usual and contains a frontispiece an excellent portrait of the president-elect, William Dutley Fouille.

Last Monday John F. Murray, '92, was unanimously elected football captain for next year.

The regular gymnasium work for the winter has begun. This is put on the same basis as a required subject, and it is to the efficient training which the men will be given a chance to test their strength and endurance.

The senior exercises were opened with a formal service. The first week of classes was also given to the students.

On Saturday evening the first of December, a

student's basketball team went to Philadelphia.

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PRINCETON.

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Many of the students who live in the far West and South have already started for their homes, and many more will go to-morrow. The faculty had decided to hold a series of examinations for the different classes on Tuesday morning, but they were besieged with many requests from the students who wished to get away before that time that they finally abandoned the plan.

The sixteenth annual "Brick-lane" appeared last Thursday and met with a ready sale. The book has a new style of binding, with a tiger's head in the tail colors along the back. The board of editors consist of the faculty, the room at the west end of the library building, being known as the faculty reading room. This year the room has been open to the students, and it is proposed to place there certain standard books of reference.

New books are now kept in this room two weeks before being placed in the library, and the room is used for the protection of the books.

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